

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 32–56 are pending in the present application.

Claims 46 and 47 were previously withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 32–45 have been previously allowed.

Claims 48–56 have been added herein. New claims 48 and 49–56 track allowed claims 38–55 except for reciting that the isolation oxides are concurrently formed rather than specifically thermally grown.

Examination and allowance of the additional claims is respectfully requested.

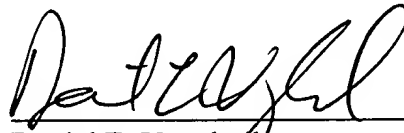
If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *dvenglarik@munckbutrus.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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